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The settlement with Microsoft, as now framed, is clearly in the best interests of the public - particularly in the light of our sluggish economy. Whatever its sins have been, it has certainly been whipped enough by now -- and no-one can deny the contributions Microsoft's inventiveness and innovations have made to our growth and prosperity over the past decade. It's time to free that energy from the constraints of needless ongoing litigation which may serve the egos and ambitions of a few at the cost of the rest of us who are content with the reparations already made and offered.

The prosecutorial energy that seems to abound in the breasts of those who seek to persist in flogging this company would be better directed against the likes of ENRON which has caused real damage to so many, as well as against those whose collaboration or inattentiveness have permitted that company's abuses to go unchecked for so long.

Why has there not been similar scrutiny and attack upon the practices of those major oil interests which have been permitted to join forces and either support or turn a blind eye to the intentional price gouging which is causing major damage to our economy? Or the ongoing elimination of competition by the unassailed merger of major banking interests?